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or recesses being formed entirely through said thin plate sections in the thickness direction.

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10. (Twice Amended) A piezoelectric/electrostrictive device comprising a pair of mutually opposing thin plate sections made of metal and a fixation section for supporting said thin plate sections, and including an actuator section with a stacked type piezoelectric/electrostrictive element fixed on at least one of said thin plate sections by the aid of an adhesive, said stacked type piezoelectric/electrostrictive element comprising a plurality of piezoelectric/electrostrictive layers and electrode films, wherein said electrode films contact upper and lower surfaces of respective piezoelectric/electrostrictive layers and alternately extend to opposite end surfaces thereof, and end surface electrodes electrically connect an electrode film that contacts one of said piezoelectric/electrostrictive layers and an electrode film that contacts another one of said piezoelectric/electrostrictive layers, said end surface electrodes being formed on respective outer side surfaces of said actuator section and being electrically connected to terminals which are provided on a surface of an outermost layer of said piezoelectric/electrostrictive layers and which are separated from one another by a predetermined distance.

Please add new claim 73 as follows:

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73. (New) The piezoelectric/electrostrictive device of claim 10, wherein said end surface electrodes each include a major plane extending substantially perpendicular to planes of said electrode films.